

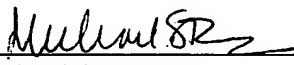
**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the specification in order to change the lineage of this application as recited in the first two paragraphs. In this application, these earlier filings have not been relied upon by the Applicants for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. It is, however, to be noted that reference to these deleted applications as background filings has been made in the second paragraph of the insert.

In addition, Applicants have canceled current claims 2-25 with the intent of amending the application by the addition of a new set of claims by way of an additional Preliminary Amendment. Should this application come before the Examiner prior to the matching of said amendment to this application, the Examiner is earnestly solicited to contact the undersigned prior to examining the application on its merits.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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